

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, March 17, 2011  
Amenia Town Hall

Deputy Supervisor Perotti called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency exits at door behind Town Clerk and at rear door behind audience.

PRESENT:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent

**NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Deputy Supervisor Perotti submitted a report regarding recent flooding issues at **Gro-Max** property and on **County Rte 81**. Required DEC permits are being obtained to resolve the former Allen Property issues. Deputy Supervisor Perotti has contacted DC Engineering Department regarding flooding from **Cty Rte 81**. DC Legislator, Michael Kelsey to follow up on **Cty Rte 81** issue.

Michael Kelsey, Dutchess County Legislator, reported Transportation Grant in the amount of \$158,000 awarded to Northeast Community Center to hire Mobility Manager; Legislators discussed Loop Bus; renewed Task Force (tick diseases) will require larger mandate; Solid Waste Commissioner (Secretary and Compliant Investigator) to be filled by Dutchess County Executive office.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Highway**

Deputy Supervisor Perotti stated that \$155,000 FEMA monies received after budget approval. Highway Superintendent will specify projects to be completed with these monies.

Capital Project Fund was not set up during budget process. Discussed preparing a Resolution for Highway Department machinery and equipment line in the amount of \$30,000.

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, stated that a generic Resolution to create a Capital Reserve Fund could be prepared, identifying machinery and amounts.

**Water**

Councilman Cayea reported minor leak on Midway Road, replaced seven meters.

**Town Clerk**

Maureen Bonds, reported \$3,048,000 (70%) of property tax revenue collected to date.

Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance has been issued check in the amount of \$1,000,000. (first payment for 2011 Town of Amenia Real Property tax warrant).

### **Town Clerk (cont'd)**

General Code will make codification correction to the Zoning Chapter 121 Attachment 2.1 at no cost to the Town of Amenia. Updates will be distributed by Town Clerk.

**Municipal Shelter Inspection Report and Dog Control Officer Inspection Report** was completed by New York State Agriculture and Markets on March 14, 2011. John Tublewicz, Dog Control Officer, attended and reports were rated "satisfactory".

Michael Hayes, Town Attorney, explained that two parcels (assessed value) under court-directed Tax Certiorari Settlements in 2010 were not updated by Dutchess County Real Property Tax office for 2011 tax bills. Subsequently, Town Clerk has made corrections to these parcels, sent revised tax bills to property owners, and sent revised tax warrant and billing statements to Dutchess County Department of Finance.

### **Building Department**

Deputy Supervisor Perotti read monthly report, submitted by Building Inspector.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Enhancement Committee**

Councilwoman Doyle announced Amenia Clean Up day on April 30, 2011 for volunteer road side cleaning only.

#### **CAC**

Councilwoman Doyle reported power point slide presentation shown at meeting, comparing photographs of 2004 and 2011 flooding in Amenia and Wassaic.

#### **Recreation**

Volunteer applications will be accepted for vacant position that expires on March 20, 2011.

#### **Grants**

Michael Hagerty submitted updated grant report. Reviewed NYSERDA grant monies; discussed town boiler deficiencies with John Scott; additional work required on Tower Hill Road, due to recent flooding; submitted proposed Resolution for NYS Main Street grant.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to AUTHORIZE the Town Clerk to advertise for **(RFP's) Request for Proposals** to operate a **Concession Stand** at Amenia **Beekman Park**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvard	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES - 1 ABSENT

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to HIRE **Mike Flint** as **Alternate Audio-Visual Technician**, in the absence of Gary Bonds, Town Audio-Visual Technician at rate designated for Dance Program recitals.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent
	Councilman Cayea	Aye

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES – 1 ABSENT

**RIDGECREST FARMS, INC**

**Don Cappillino**, attorney representing Ian Holback, presented written Draft of Full Environmental Assessment – Zoning Amendment (Environmental Review) with site-specific information and visual impact assessment, to include Draft traffic study performed by Michael Soyka, P.E. Visual maps were presented and explained for mining site.

Mr. Cappillino requested that town board have town consultants review draft and that **Applicant** be permitted to meet with those consultants to prepare final document.

**Amenia Town Hall – Auditorium and Office Space Rental**

Councilwoman Riemer stated that Mr. Peter Casone is interested in using auditorium for events, second floor room for office space, and cafeteria; resulting in shared revenue to the town.

**RESOLUTION #13 OF 2011**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO APPLY FOR A NYS MAIN STREET GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,000 FOR A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Riemer, SECOND by Deputy Supervisor Perotti that was;  
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye

**RESOLUTION #10 OF 2011 – PROPERTY TAX CAP**

**A RESOLUTION; Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association called upon the Governor and Members of the State Legislature to fund and/or eliminate state mandates, reform the real property tax system and address cost drivers in the provision of local government services/operations before implementing a tax cap.**

With all town board members in favor of a property tax cap:

MOTION made by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea that was;  
VOTED UPON:

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	No
	Councilwoman Riemer	No
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent
	Councilwoman Perotti	No
	Councilwoman Doyle	No

VOTE: 4 NO – 1 ABSENT RESOLUTION NOT PASSED

**RESOLUTION #12 OF 2011**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CONSTABLES TO CARRY A FIREARM AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 10-6 OF THE TOWN CODE WHILE PERFORMING SPECIAL DUTIES AT FLOOD'S AUCTION ON MARCH 26, 2011 IN THE VICINITY OF THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 22, ROUTE 44, AND ROUTE 343**

MOTION made by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilman Cayea that was;  
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Absent
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye

**DEPUTY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Local events announced.

Public Hearing for the proposed Town Ethics Law to be held April 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Proposed Health Insurance costs to be increased by 15%. Current cost: Town 70%, Employee **30%**. Supervisor Euvrard made a suggestion that an increase to **40%** for employees could be a possibility, but the town is looking into other ways to work with the increase in health care costs.

**Volunteer Recognition Day** has been scheduled for April 14, 2011 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Reminded residents to support local merchants.

**TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Riemer complimented cast of "Fiddler on the Roof" performance.

C/Doyle, Riemer and Cayea complimented Deputy Supervisor Perotti for performing an outstanding job, in the absence of the Supervisor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Arlene Iuliano commented on NYS Main Street grant for revitalization. Town Board stated that owners will be responsible for costs of historical facade improvement.

Ms. Iuliano commented that auditorium rental(s) should not be in competition with local businesses.

MOTION by Deputy Supervisor Perotti, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Board Meeting at 8:43pm with motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Euvrard Absent

Respectfully Submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: April 1, 2011  
Approved by Town Board: April 21, 2011